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Governor Appoints Board Members

The Board of Nursing is pleased to announce that Governor Dirk Kempthorne has appointed the following Board Members:

- Ridon Clemm, LPN, Idaho Falls—appointed to a practical nurse position for an initial four-year term expiring April 2008. Ms. Clemm is a staff nurse at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, Idaho Falls.
- Susan Odom, RN, Moscow—appointed to a professional nurse position for an initial four-year term expiring April 2008. Dr. Odom is an professor of nursing at Lewis-Clark State College, Lewiston.
- Shirlie Meyer, RN, Meridian—reappointed to a professional nurse position for a second four-year term expiring April 2008. Ms. Meyer operates an assisted living facility in Meridian.

Thanks to Out-Going Board Members

The Board of Nursing expresses their appreciation to Claudeen Buettner, Ed.D., RN, Twin Falls and Judy Hansen, LPN, Jerome, out-going Board Members, for their many hours of dedicated service to the Board. Board members represent all geographical areas of the state, as well as many areas of nursing, including acute care, home health, education, long term care and residential care. They meet four times a year for two to three day meetings to manage issues related to discipline, practice, education and licensure.

Board of Nursing Meetings

The members of the Board of Nursing meet on a quarterly basis with the next meeting scheduled for November 11-12, 2004, in Boise, Idaho. This meeting will be held at the AmeriSuites Hotel, 925 N Milwaukee, Boise. Persons interested in attending this meeting and/or who require special accommodations, should contact the Board office at (208) 334-3110, ext. 25.

Persons with issues to be considered by the Board should submit their requests to the Board office by the deadline date indicated. Requests from persons wishing to meet with the Board must also be received by the deadline date. All meetings of the Board, except for executive sessions, are open to the public.

During each meeting, the Board holds an open forum for approximately one hour. Individuals are invited to express their concerns or make inquiries of the Board during this time period. No appointment is necessary to make a presentation during the forum; however, interested persons should contact the Board office to confirm the time of the forum and to make arrangements for special assistance. Action will not be taken on issues presented during the forum. If there are no presentations during the forum, the Board will proceed with the conduct of regular business.

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*Shirlie Meyer, RN
Meridian*

*Susan Odom, RN
Moscow*

Board Meeting Dates

November 11-12, 2004
Deadline: 10/11/04
January 27-28, 2005
Deadline: 12/27/04
April 28-29, 2005
Deadline: 3/28/05
July 28-29, 2005
Deadline: 6/28/05
November 10-11, 2005
Deadline: 10/11/05



Licensed Practical Nurse Renewal Information

The renewal period for licensed practical nurses was completed August 31, 2004. Late renewals will continue to be processed as received. As part of the renewal process, a verification of receipt of application post-card is provided to nurses who return the card with a stamp affixed. Employers are encouraged to use the card as evidence that the renewal application is being processed. Employers may also use the Board's Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System to verify current licensure for an employee. Once the application is processed, usually within 2-3 days, the updated information is available through the IVR. An additional feature of this system is the availability of a Faxed Verification of Licensure. Since the Board withholds mailing of certificates for two weeks when paid for with a personal check, the IVR is a convenient way to determine if your employees hold current licenses. You can call the system at (208) 334-3110—and follow the prompts to verify either RN or LPN licenses. Following oral verification of the license, you can input your fax number and receive a faxed verification of the licensee.

Licensees who continue to practice nursing without current licensure may be assessed an administrative fine of up to \$100 for each separate offense, not to exceed \$1000.00. Additionally, a nurse who practices without a current license may receive a reprimand for practicing nursing on an expired license.

Current Address on Record

Rule 23.01.01.008 requires that a nurse provide a current name and address to the Board immediately when the change occurs. Address changes can be telephoned (208) 334-3110, mailed to PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0061, faxed to (208) 334-3262 or e-mailed to lcoley@ibn.state.id.us. Name changes must be accompanied by official documentation, i.e., marriage license, divorce decree, court record or Affidavit of Name form (available from this office or our web site—www2.state.id.us/ibn—link to publications).

Each renewal period, a large number of applications are returned to the Board office by the Post Office because of change in address. The fact that the post office provides its customers with limited forwarding does NOT relieve the licensee of the responsibility to keep the Board notified of changes in address. Licensees who fail to timely renew their license will be assessed a late fee and if they continue to practice nursing on an expired license, may be assessed an administrative fine.

Licenses Canceled

The following licenses were canceled for failure to pay the licensure fee (checks were returned by the bank)”

<i>Name</i>	<i>License Number</i>	<i>Date Canceled</i>
Connie Overfield	N-22131	June 9, 2004
Natalie Fister	PN-12628	September 29, 2004



Significant Board Actions

At their April 29-30, 2004 meeting, the Board of Nursing members took the following actions:

- Adopted the National Council Licensure Examination for RNs and PNs (NCLEX-RN/PN) as the examination for licensure in Idaho for professional and practical nurses.
- Approved the National Council of State Boards of Nursing contract for 2004-2005 and payment of the membership fee.
- Approved payment of the membership fee for the Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator's organization.
- Adopted the 2003-2007 Strategic Goals and Objectives with changes
- Appointed Cathy Arvidson, NP as a member of the APPN Advisory Committee to a term ending June 2006.
- Adopted "Standards for No Access to Narcotics" developed and recommended by the Program for Recovering Nurses Advisory Committee
- Approved the curriculum, "Assisted Dining: The Role and Skills of Feeding Assistants"
- Approved the RN and LPN refresher courses offered by Greenville Technical College, Buck Mickel Center, Greenville, South Carolina.

At their July 29-30, 2004 meeting, the Board of Nursing members took the following actions:

- Adopted "Standards for Professional Support Groups", developed and recommended by the Program for Recovering Nurses Advisory Committee
- Granted approval to Idaho State University, Pocatello to proceed with planning for implementation of an associate degree professional nursing program
- Adopted an interpretation of Rule 23.01.01.240.04—Licensure by Interstate Endorsement of Graduates of Nursing Programs Outside of the United States.
- Re-appointed Keith Davis, MD as a continuing member of the APPN Advisory Committee to a term ending June 2006
- Elected/Appointed the following Board members:

Randy Hudspeth, RN—Chairman—Board of Nursing

Jill Howell, RN—Vice-Chairman—Board of Nursing

Karen Ellis, RN—Chairman—Program for Recovering Nurses Advisory Committee

Shirley Meyer, RN—Member-at-Large—Governance Committee

Board to Revise Administrative Rules

The passage of a new bill by the Idaho Legislature frequently triggers the need to initiate rulemaking, a process that involves a series of steps and various approvals before the proposed rules become final and carry the force and effect of law. A rule does not become final until the public has been provided the opportunity for input and until the Idaho Legislature has reviewed it.

Following passage of House Bills 659—related to advanced practice nursing and 694—related to initial and reinstatement licensure, the Board of Nursing undertook the rulemaking process in order to carry out provisions of these new statutes.

On September 1, 2004, the Board published temporary and proposed rules related to advanced practice professional nursing and to the requirement for fingerprinting for purposes of criminal background checks for initial and reinstatement licensure. The text of the rules, published in the September 1, 2004 Idaho Administrative Bulletin, Vol. 04-9, pages 175 through 187. Temporary rules, once published are retroactive to July 1, 2004, when the bills became effective. The pending rules will be presented to the Legislature at the beginning of the 2005 Session, and if approved, will become effective upon adjournment of the Legislature in the spring, replacing the temporary rules.

Copies of temporary and pending rules are available on-line at www2.state.id.us/adm/admrules or by contacting the Board of Nursing office.

Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board



Board Meeting—April 29,30, 2004

Spencer Gordon, RN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Karen Grider, RN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Barbara Huckins, PN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Nanette Hiller, RN—Accepted Consent Order
 Linda Hunter, PN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Wanda Joann Kitchen, PN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Margaret Kniep, RN—Accepted Consent Order
 Kimberly Lewis Laming, RN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Ronald Moulton, RN—License Revoked by V/S*

Board Meeting—July 29-30, 2004

Cheryl Fife, RN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Robin Fox, NP—Stipulated Agreement
 Michael Mathes, PN—Limited License issued
 Tana Nugent, RN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Lisa Renick, RN—License Revoked by V/S*
 Christine Robertson, PN—Reinstatement Denied

*Voluntary Surrender

Duplicate Licenses Issued

The following persons were issued duplicate certificate during the period March 19, 2004—September 15, 2004. Original certificates were reported as lost, stolen, never received in the mail or were required revision because of a name change. Duplicates are identical to original certificates with the exception of the word "DUPLICATE" on the license. Please notify the Board of Nursing immediately should anyone present one of these certificates without the word "DUPLICATE" printed on the document.

Licensed Professional Nurses—Expires 8/31/2005

Corlene A. Becker	N-16760	Patrick E. Bonesteel	N-32736
Terri Brannan	N-24117	Kay Anderson	N-23069
Connie L. Osborn	N-14486	Linda Snelling	N-32775
Shelly L. Corder	N-14436	Linda Milford	N-16452
Jenny Stireman	N-25520	Kathryn Jackson	N-32621
Vonne Ringle	N-16482	Rosanna Nedrow	N-20085
Susan Casper	N-28534	Sandra Brown	N-32982
Dana Jean Ridlon	N-32285	Lynnette Townsend	N-22420
Beatrice G. Biggs-Jarrell	N-10640	Kerrin Hasler	N-21903
Dawn Jentz	N-30257	Robert W. Larson	N-16701
Esther Ussing	N-26872	Diana S. Korman	N-24654
Mandy M. Draper	N-29250	William E. Bennett	N-30097
Kathryn Hite	N-12454	Charlene Kynaston	N-32157
Tammy Jo Nally	N-24857	Tess B. Armstrong	N-31936
Tiffany L. Greer	N-30381	Judy Piepmeyer	N-7077
Tiffany Cleverley	N-29227	Tabitha Hanson	N-33243
Vickie A. McCue	N-29905	Richard Thornell	N-18849
Jennifer Jo Maiorca	N-31396	Kimberly K. Baron	N-33096
Doris Lahny	N-32930	Kristi A. Loveridge	N-33120
Marla Cheezem	N-24438	Tiffany D. Hyde	N-28005
Lisa M. Hatten	N-32798	Carrie L. Barkley	N-29296
Collette L. Mahoney	N-19375	Andrea Gibson	N-23821
Nancy E. Young	N-11246	Deborah D. Christensen	N-11352
Rosalyn Smith	N-18309	Jennifer R. Arsenault	N-33123
Debra Riendeau	N-19176	Deborah E. Beecher	N-14252
Anthony C. Harward	N-32894	Sandra J. Ybarra	N-28087
Noreen A. Peter	N-32248	Lorraine E. Schmett	N-20203
		Claudia M. Davis	N-33031



DUPLICATE LICENSES Continued

Sheryl F. Speare	N-13029	Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) Expires 8/31/2006	
Lisa Broderick	N-33474	Sharon L. Patterson	PN-9479
Althea Davis	N-26391	Judith A. Talbot	PN-7426
David Lawrence	N-20059	Marilyn Fackenthal	PN-5482
Teresa Brooks	N-25102	Marie M. Withers	PN-8142
Theresia Fisher	N-29525	Donette M. Sperry	PN-12971
JoAnn Lange	N-20742	Bonnie Humpherys	PN-7529
Jill P. Martinez	N-30026	Ed Matous	PN-11186
Heather Breithaupt	N-33338	KC Carpenter	PN-11561
Janice Britven	N-8756	Sandra Avery	PN-7385
Tamara E. Colbert	N-28483		
Advanced Practice Professional Nurse—Expires 8/31/05			
Anthony C. Harward	RNA-583		

LPN to RN Education Programs—What you must know before you enroll

Nurse education programs are not always what they appear to be. Here are some important questions that you should ask before enrolling in a nursing program that appears to offer an easy solution to your desire for an additional degree that will allow you to become an RN.

First, ask if you are self-motivated and serious about earning the degree.

Second, ask if the program is approved by a state Board of Nursing and if it is designed as a traditional campus-based nursing program, a self-study program, or a tutorial program.

—traditional nursing programs have been approved by a Board of Nursing and have both a classroom component and provision for hands-on clinical experience in various health care settings. You may earn either an associate or baccalaureate degree in nursing that will qualify you to take the NCLEX examination for RN licensure.

—Self-study programs require you to be a self-starter and able to maintain focus for the duration of the program without the support of your peers or face-to-face conferencing with your instructors. Some of these programs have been approved by Boards of Nursing. Contact the Board before you enroll. If the program is not approved by the Board, you may not qualify to take the NCLEX and may not be eligible for an RN license.

—These programs provide tutorial instruction and usually require concurrent enrollment in an approved nursing program. Contact the Board of Nursing if you have questions about the validity of any program that requires you to be concurrently enrolled in another nursing program.

Third, ask if there are additional costs, including: enrollment, books and materials, travel for on-site clinical requirements, tutorial fees, additional materials to study for the NCLEX, testing and clinical evaluation fees, and graduation fees.

Fourth, contact the Board of Nursing if you have questions or concerns about any program you are considering.

Presumptive Approvals

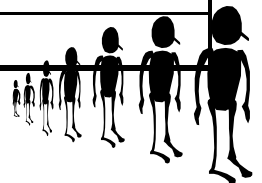
At their meeting in May 1992, the Board determined that approval by the Board of Nursing in another jurisdiction provides evidence sufficient for presumptive approval of a nursing education program located in another state. Approval by the Idaho Board of Nursing is contingent on the program having met substantially the same criteria as Idaho nursing education programs. Programs that have been approved by presumption include:

- Indiana State University—Terre Haute, Indiana—LPN to BSN Program—Approved 7/29/04
- Oregon Health Sciences University—Portland, Oregon—BSN Program—Approved 11/92
- Treasure Valley Community College—Ontario, Oregon—LPN and AD Programs—Approved 5/92
- University of Mary—Bismarck, North Dakota—BSN Program—Approved 4/29/04
- University of North Dakota—Grand Forks, North Dakota—Professional Nursing—Approved 5/16/02
- University of Southern Colorado—Pueblo, Colorado—BS Program—Approved 2/19/97
- University of Utah—Salt Lake City, Utah—Admin Residence-MSN Program—Approved 8/80
- University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh—Oshkosh, Wisconsin—Accelerated On-Line BSN Program—Approved 4/29/04

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Amendments to the Nursing Practice Act Signed into Law

The Idaho Nursing Practice Act was amended as a result of passage of two key pieces of legislation that became law on July 1, 2004. Governor Dirk Kempthorne signed House Bill 659 on March 23, 2004, and in doing so removed requirements for consultation and collaboration with, referral to, and supervision by licensed physicians as conditions of practice for certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists and nurse practitioners. In addition, HB 659 adds participation in a peer review process as a new condition of licensure renewal for these same three categories of advanced practice professional nurses. The Board will consider adoption of a policy for peer review at their meeting in November 2004. Following adoption, the policy, which will provide direction to APPNs, will be mailed to licensed Certified Nurse Midwives, Clinical Nurse Specialists, and Nurse Practitioners.

Also enacted this past legislative session, House Bill 694 requires fingerprinting for purposes of criminal background checks as a condition of initial and reinstatement licensure for licensed practical nurses, professional/registered nurses and all categories of advanced practice registered nurses beginning July 1, 2005. The Board's rationale in seeking this statutory change lies in the belief that crimes that have a potential impact on the ability to practice nursing safely or to predict how a nurse might treat vulnerable clients in his or her care should be considered as part of any licensing decision. Criminal background checks will provide validation of an applicant's self report and is consistent with the joint decision of boards of nursing throughout the U.S. to conduct criminal background checks on candidates for nursing licensure.

House Bill 815, also passed by the Legislature, amends Idaho's Controlled Substances Act to require reporting and disclosure of termination from employment for certain health care providers, including licensed nurses, who are suspected of controlled substance adulteration or misappropriation. In addition, the law requires that prior to hiring a new nurse, prospective employers must now inquire of the Board of Nursing if a notice of termination has been filed. Requirements of HB815 became effective on July 1, 2004.

Come Talk to Us — Or Invite Us to Come Talk With You!

Meetings of the Board of Nursing are open to the public, with the agenda of each meeting made available through the Board's website, in postings at the office of the Board and through direct mailing upon request. In an effort to remain fully aware of issues and trends in nursing practice and education and to communicate openly with the public, the Board invites any interested person to participate in an open forum held as a part of each regularly scheduled Board meeting. The hour-long forum sets time aside from the formal business of the Board to allow interested persons, including nurses, employers, patients and others, the opportunity to dialogue directly with Board members on issues of concern and interest. Forum topics may include suggestions for amendments to the statute or rules, questions about new functions being performed by nurses (e.g. botox injections, management of treatment protocols), questions posed by students learning about the role and functions of regulatory boards, updates on the activities of nursing-related organizations, and emerging professional trends, among others.

The Board is committed to fully inform the public about the role and functions of the Board and to learn of issues that are of importance to them in their mission to protect the public. To this end, if you have a need for information or would like Board staff to present information to your employees, your association, or your organization, please contact the Board office and arrange a date and time as well as the topic to be addressed. During the past year, Board staff has presented workshops on delegation, professional boundaries, the Idaho Nursing Practice Act and administrative rules, regulatory trends and issues, chemical addiction and the Board's Program for Recovering Nurses. Please call the Board office if we can assist in any way.



Welcome to New Nursing Program Faculty

The following professional and practical nursing programs have advised the Board that they have hired new faculty on campus this year.

Boise State University—Boise
Sandra Engebretsen, PhD, MSN
Leonie Sutherland, MSN
Joan Weddington, MSN

Lewis-Clark State College—Lewiston
Mary Ruth Hassett, PhD, RN, BC
Debora Lemon, BSN, RN

Eastern Idaho Technical College—Idaho Falls
Susan Norby, BSN

North Idaho College—Coeur d'Alene
Jane Edwards, BSN

Northwest Nazarene University—Nampa
Kay Totten, MSN

The Board of Nursing extends a warm welcome to all new faculty.

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